(c) The number of persons arrested, the number of prosecutions launched and the number of convictions obtained by this Collectorate in the same period are given below:

No. of persons arrested	*No. of prosecutions launched*	*No. of convictions*
186	38	98

[English]

Acquittal of Fera Offenders

2834. SHRI K. THULASIAH VANDAYAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of appeals against acquittals preferred by the Government in regard to offenders under the Foreign Exchange Regulations Act, 1973 pending in various courts;

(b) whether it is contemplated to withdraw such appeals; and

(c) if not, the steps proposed to ensure that the economic offenders are brought to book without delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The Government had preferred 33 appeals against acquittals under FERA, 1973.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Courts are moved for early hearing of the cases.

Loss to STC on Import of Sugar

2835. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Trading Corporation has suffered heavy loss in foreign exchange in import of sugar, mainly due to the insertion of a new clause in the standard contract deed, permitting soft options to the international suppliers;

(b) if so, the precise nature and content of this new clause; and

(c) the estimated loss incurred on this account so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b). STC has not imported any quantity of sugar from the year 1988–89 onwards.

(c) Does not arise.

Withdrawals under terms Deposit Scheme

2836. DR. A.K. PATEL:
DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been heavy withdrawals recently under the Term Deposit Scheme from the nationalised banks;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to check such a flight of money and the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Reserve Bank of India has reported that they do not have any information pertaining to heavy withdrawals under the Term Deposits from nationalised banks. The growth in Time Deposits of all commercial banks during the last three months are given below:

(Rs. in crores)

As on	Total amount of Time Deposits	Increase over Previous month
27.12.1991	1,77,589	(+) 2160
24.01.1992	1,79,381	(+) 1792
21.02.1992	1,81,866	(+) 2485

(b) and (c). In view of (a) above, questions do not arise.

[*Translation*]

Export of Emblic Myrobalan

2837. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH:
DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the countries to which emblic myrobalan has been exported during the last two years and quantity thereof;

(b) the names of the States and places particularly in Uttar Pradesh where emblic myrobalan is produced; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for increasing its production?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Myrobalan Amla (Embelica Linn) is being exported to various countries like Bangladesh, France, Italy, Kenya, Pakistan, Singapore and U.K. The exports during the last two years is indicated below:-

1989-90	27343 Kg.
1990-91	18662 Kg.

(b) Embelic myrobalan is mostly grown in UP mainly in eastern part and in particular Pratapgarh, Sultanpur, Allahabad and Varanasi. However, its cultivation is gradually spreading to Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh.

(c) Government through Indian Council of Agricultural Research has initiated an all India research programme on this crop which includes identification of new high yielding varieties, standardisation of vegetative propagation techniques, improvement in production technology etc.

Byepass Road for Hazaribagh

2838.SHRI BHUBANESHWAR PRASAD MEHTA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to construct a byepass road for Hazaribagh city of Bihar; and

(b) if so, by what time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) There is no proposal to construct a byepass for Hazaribagh city at present.

(b) Does not arise.